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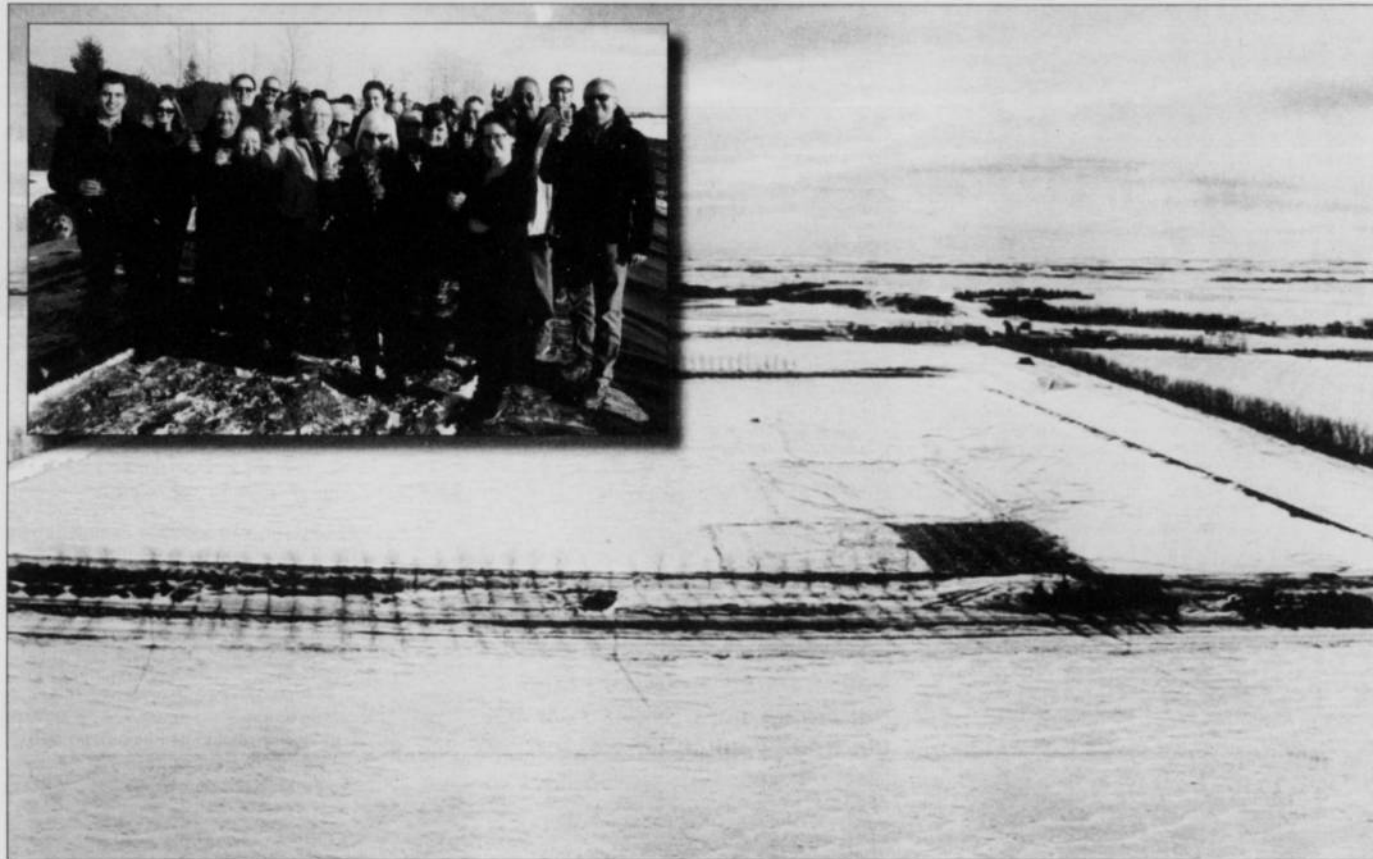
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Didsbury town officials and contracting representatives recently celebrated the completion of the first phase of the town's wastewater lagoon. The next phase of the project is slated to begin sometime this spring with a completion date expected in January 2016.

Construction on storage lagoon completed

BY PAUL FREY
 MVP Staff

The Town of Didsbury held a small ceremony last week celebrating the completion of construction on the storage lagoon west of the community.

Work on the upper lagoon began in December 2013. New pipe, under-liner drains and a new liner were installed at the lagoon. The upper lagoon cost about \$8 million to upgrade.

"This is basically final storage, so by expanding this lagoon the way we have and retrofitting the existing berms, we can now service a population of about 7,000 people," said Garnet Dawes, the project's engineer with ISL Engineering. "The next phase will actually be at the lower lagoon. That's where all the initial treatment happens. That's being expanded as well," he said.

Dawes said the upper lagoon that holds the final storage was completed first because it's an easier project for the town to do. The final storage facility was also completed first because the town had more

capacity than the upper lagoon could handle, so the project increased capacity.

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GARNET DAWES
 project engineer
 ISL Engineering

The lower lagoon, which treats waste, will also receive an upgrade later this spring once a contractor is selected. The hope is to have that upgrade finished by about January 2016. Two treatment ponds will be constructed while a third existing storage pond will

also be converted to a treatment pond as well, said Greg Skotheim, the town's manager of public works, planning and infrastructure.

"In the next four weeks, we'll put it out for public tender and then contractors will bid on the work and we will try to start construction by March/April of this year. The whole goal of this was to basically stagger it year by year, phase by phase," Dawes said.

Mayor Rick Mousseau said the town is pleased that the first phase of the upgrade is now complete. Town representatives are now looking forward to finishing the remainder of the project, which should meet the town's needs for many years to come.

"Now we just have to do the finishing touches," he said.

Mousseau said town representatives went ahead and did the work now rather than wait until the population grew to such a level that the plant was at capacity. With the upgrade, the system will now be able to handle the community's waste for many more years.



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Optimism rising at Didsbury Curling Club

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The Didsbury Curling Club (DCC) is hopeful that changes made at the start of the curling season will pay off with a healthier bottom line in mid-March when the season concludes.

The DCC and the town's manager of community services met several times after the conclusion of the 2013-14 curling season to see if the club could be restored to a more solid financial footing. The club had lost about \$40,000 over the previous two curling seasons, and its future was in doubt at the conclusion of last year.

"The changes in the agreement with the town were really helpful to the curling club. Having the town use the concession in the curling club rather than in the hockey arena has been a lifesaver, I think," said DCC president Jenn Bommarito.

Although the DCC is not getting any new revenue when it's being used for events at the arena, in exchange for using the curling club concession, the town has reduced the DCC's rent for the curling rink by \$1,000 per month compared to what the DCC was paying last year.

Other changes to the negotiated agreement include reducing the club's season by one month compared to last season. This season, the club began operating on Oct. 15 and will conclude on March 15 while in 2013-14, the season began on Oct. 1 and concluded on March 31.

The town also reduced the percentage of the rink's utilities that the club pays this season and took over the custodial duties at the club.

The changes in the agreement – and slightly warmer weather so far this season – space allowed the club to

reduce expenses by 25 per cent so far as compared to the same time period last year.

Because of the concession operating more hours this year, more people have been coming into the curling club side of the recreation complex, which has led to a few more members joining.

"(Using the curling club concession) kind of opens up the whole space and so everyone in the town, when they come to see hockey, they can also see that curling is going on too, and so with all of that, I think it's been really positive," Bommarito said, adding that she thinks since the curling club's financial difficulties were made public last year, a few more people have joined the club as active participants.

Bommarito said while some members decided to let their memberships in the club lapse at the conclusion of last sea-

son, membership revenue has increased 30 per cent compared to last season. Bommarito said a concerted effort to draw more youth into the club has definitely paid off by increasing the junior membership to 35 members from 24 members last season. There were only eight junior curlers two seasons ago.

"That's wonderful, and that's where I want to keep focusing is on the junior program," Bommarito said.

Another way the DCC has been encouraging junior curlers is by hosting several free family fun nights in which the younger age group has tried the sport.

Bommarito said the DCC is also working towards adding more adult members and giving them more opportunities to curl at more events. The DCC is also hoping to draw more advertising revenue by getting more businesses to place signs in the rink.

Council approves construction of new fire hall

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Council members approved construction of a new fire hall beginning in the spring at their Jan. 13 meeting.

The hall is estimated to cost \$4 million, with town council approving \$2.75 million for the project. Mountain View County's portion is estimated at \$1.75 million. The new building will be 1,710 square metres and will be built adjacent to the public works shop.

In an interview following the vote, Mayor Rick Mousseau said the new hall will be a good asset to both the town and the community. The current hall has been too small for the fire department's needs, especially before the RCMP moved to the current detachment. At that time, the fire department and RCMP shared space at the cur-

rent hall.

As the former fire chief of the department, Mousseau has first-hand knowledge of the benefits the new hall will bring.

Negotiations with the county on potentially funding a new hall, finding a location for the hall and drafting a design date back 15 years through various versions.

"(Since) that time town council and county council have looked at different locations in town, different designs and as the years went on (the project) was put on the back burner and then brought back again. I was fire chief then," he said.

Mousseau said since firefighting vehicles are getting larger, the new hall is necessary not only to house them, but future vehicles as the town grows.

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Western Stars Multi 4-H

This is the 3rd year that Western Stars has been running. We have 13 members in the club. Our projects are horse, outdoor Ed, small engines and blacksmithing. Our President is Emma Schaber, Vice President Jacklyn Hegberg, Secretary Heather Machell and Treasurer is Isabelle Schaber. We have been doing monthly visits with the seniors in long term care in Olds, where we play bingo with them. We supported the community by participating in the Christmas hamper program where we bought food for a family and wrapped Christmas gifts. Over the next month we are going to be busy as we're preparing for our public speaking competitions. Until next time,

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Club Reporter

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Council to consider new signage plan

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Town council will consider a new signage plan later this year following a presentation on the topic by town staff at the Jan. 9 policy and priorities committee meeting.

Christofer Atchison, the town's coordinator of legislative services, told council members that a committee of town staff has been working on a new signage plan. He said he hopes it will be ready for council consideration later this spring, with approval shortly after that time.

"We don't want the signage project polarizing the community," he said, noting that the idea is to arrive at different types of signage that are consis-

tent throughout the community.

Prior signage plans by the town went awry following negative public feedback. Atchison said while residents have expressed disappointment with all types of signs in the past, directional signage was seen as particularly ineffective. Since signage was a council-driven initiative in the past, Atchison said council needs to agree to this plan for it to be effective.

"We don't want the sign project to be (expensive) to the municipality," he said.

There are several locations proposed for various types of signs under the plan, including adjacent to Highway 582, 20 Avenue and several oth-

ers. The new signage policy should allow for more signs of community amenities, Atchison said.

"We don't want the signage project polarizing the community."

CHRISTOFER ATCHISON
coordinator of legislative services
Town of Didsbury

A new LED sign for the community would save a lot of staff time, Atchison said, compared to the

community sign that must now be changed by hand by staff on a periodic basis. Staff could change the LED sign with a few keystrokes of a computer.

Atchison said the location of an LED sign would be important. He also said it could generate revenue for both the town and various community groups.

"There's still a lot of discussion that has to take place on this," he said.

Atchison foresees a lot of community consultation with residents on the sign initiative prior to its adoption. Town staff want to get feedback from residents through comments logged on the town's website among other venues. The town

also wants to employ the same committee that reviewed the town's recreation and culture master plan to review feedback from the community regarding the sign project.

"We really need to talk to the people who will use the signage the

most," he said.

Following the conclusion of the meeting, Mayor Rick Mousseau said consultation will be a key part of getting the community on board with the revised sign policy.

"Community engagement will be great," he said.

Arts society to talk to town about funding request

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Town council members recommended the Mountain View Arts Society talk to the town's community services department about possible funding for the annual festival the society holds each year.

The recommendation was made following a discussion council members had during council's Jan. 13 meeting. The arts society had requested sponsorship for the festival from council.

In light of recent changes to the promotional request policy that took away council's discretionary power over funds, town administrators said the arts society request would not fit under the new policy. But administrators said the request could be brought forward to the town's community services department as a grant request.

"I think the Mountain View Arts Society is a boon to our community. I guess we as a council have to decide what that is worth. Sometimes rules get in the way of good decisions," said Coun. Lavar Adams.

Adams added that he thought some funding should be made available to the organization that helps promote the community.

Coun. Garth Hollinger suggested the society should apply to the town for funds on an as-needed basis for each of its several events instead of one-time annual funding.

"The arts society is very important. I just want to make sure we (as a council) stay responsible," he

said.

Coun. Sheila Shulz said while she supported the arts society, she thought in-kind donations by the town, such as park benches, volunteerism and other non-monetary donations might be a good way to support the society.

Coun. Joyce McCoy said because there are so many different worthy groups in town, council has a responsibility to be judicious when handling

funding requests.

Kathleen Windsor, a representative on the arts society board, told council members she was hopeful the society could get some funding from council to help offset costs. In the past, she said once the society had some funding from the town, the society was able to secure funding from other sources, such as Canadian Heritage and was hopeful that might be the case again this year.

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Council votes to keep deputy mayor on rotational basis

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

Council members voted to keep the position of deputy mayor on a rotational basis at the council meeting on Jan. 13.

Roy Brown, the town's chief administrative officer, asked council members to consider whether council should make the deputy mayor position a permanent one whereby the person who is selected would serve for the balance of council's term in that role.

Brown said the suggestion was arrived at after administrators considered how the deputy mayor and mayor worked together over the past year. Brown said by switching to a permanent deputy mayor, the two people serving in the mayor's and deputy mayor's roles would develop more of a team approach. He said the suggestion was not to suggest that the individuals currently in those roles weren't working well together already, it would just build consistency.

While many councillors could see the merits of such a change, not all were convinced it would serve council well,

however.

Coun. Joyce McCoy said the advantage to rotating the deputy mayor, as is the practice now, is that different councillors get to assume the deputy role and find out if they fit the role. One of the downsides is that some councillors haven't yet had that opportunity to try out the role at this point.

McCoy said one of the challenges to being deputy mayor is that the person might be learning as they progress in the role, especially if the mayor becomes incapacitated, as happened last year when Mayor Rick Mousseau was recovering from surgery for an extended period. McCoy suggested, in that case, that an "acting mayor" and a "deputy mayor" fill in.

"I'm kind of torn by this. I too would like the experience, but there is the benefit of team," she said.

"I believe there's pros and cons to both (permanent and rotating roles)," Coun. Lavar Adams said, adding he prefers the rotating role because it gives more councillors the ability to do the administrative side of the mayor's position.



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He said the issue continues to be a problem. In both Carstairs and Didsbury, the municipalities have false alarm bylaws in which homeowners can be fined if the RCMP attend a location where the alarm proves to be false. In some instances, there have been three or four false alarms at the same address in one calendar year.

Gill said people that have alarms on their premises need to update their contact information with the alarm company so that both the company and the RCMP can verify whether the alarm is legitimate.

"The onus is on the homeowners to update

Police briefs

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

those numbers," he said.

Break and enter

Didsbury RCMP received a report of a break and enter overnight on Jan. 8 on Co-op Road. A culprit or culprits cut a lock on a gate and gained access to a sea-can storage container. RCMP say the contents of the container were rummaged through, but nothing was taken.

Mailboxes broken into

RCMP received a report that 13 mailboxes were

broken into last week on Jan. 9 on Rge. Rd. 1.2 and Highway 582. The culprit or culprits cut the locks on the individual boxes and stole the mail.

Girl missing

On Jan. 14, Rocky Mountain House RCMP were notified that Rebekah Middel had been missing since the morning of Jan. 13. She is believed to have gone to the Cochrane, Calgary or Didsbury area. Her disappearance is not suspicious, but police are looking to speak with her to ensure her safety.

She is described as being 5 foot 5 to 5 foot 6 inches tall, weighing between 100 and 110 pounds, having blonde hair, green eyes and pierced ears. Middel was last seen wearing a camouflage jacket and jeans.

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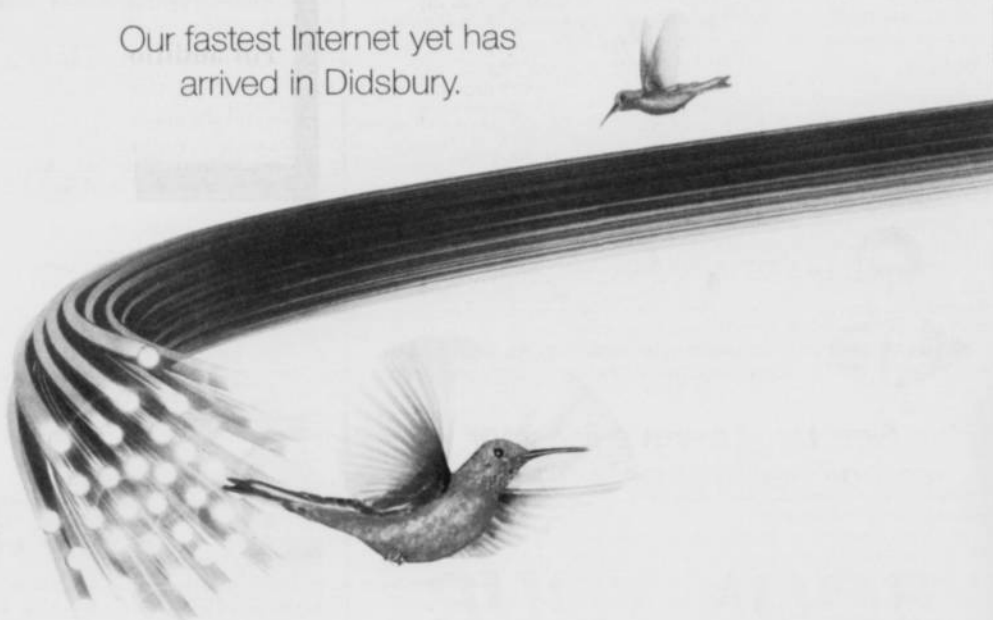
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Opinion

Editorial

Albertans have questions aplenty



DAN SINGLETON

It comes as no surprise that the recent steep fall in world oil prices is starting to have a negative impact on Alberta's finances, with everyone from Premier Jim Prentice to industry leaders saying the downturn is bad news.

As the province most heavily dependent on resource revenues, Alberta is in a unique position in Canada of being very tightly tied to the ups and downs of the international petroleum

market.

If previous examples of the impact a drop in oil prices can have on the province's fiscal well-being are any indication, Alberta may be in for another rough ride.

In fact, according to the Conference Board of Canada, Alberta is now facing the real possibility of falling into recession.

"One province that is particularly concerned about the recent plunge in oil prices is Alberta," the board said last week. "When prices dropped to such low levels during the last recession, engineering investment in the province nosedived by about \$18 billion, some 30,000 jobs in Alberta's mining sector disappeared, and housing starts fell 75 per cent."

"A similar, but not quite as severe, drop in investment, jobs, and housing starts could be in store for the province if prices fail to recover soon or continue to fall. Oil is Alberta's main export. And going forward, the province is certain to suffer, especially on the employment front, from the drop in oil prices—and it is likely to slip into recession."

Premier Prentice has already reportedly said the province is facing a \$500-million deficit due to the drop in oil prices.

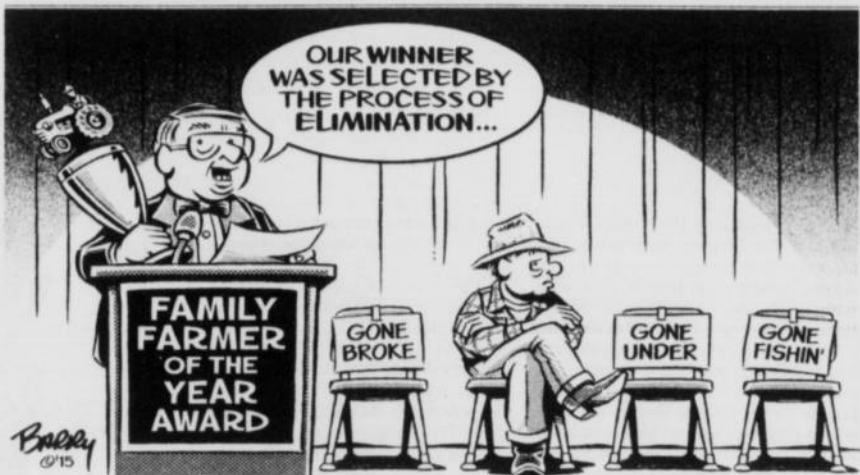
What that means in terms of cuts to public services such as schools, hospitals, roads and other projects and infrastructure remains to be seen.

Yet what is already known is that Alberta's immediate future in terms of fiscal health is now anything but rosy.

While the Prentice government cannot be held responsible for the recent drop in oil prices—that is the result of other factors, such as OPEC production levels—Albertans may still have a few questions for the ruling PCs.

In particular, why have the province's finances fallen so steeply and so quickly? Didn't the recent years of high resource revenues and unprecedented growth give the PCs every opportunity to diversify the economy? With all the money flowing in recent years, did the Tories do enough to prepare for rainy days? Did they do any planning at all?

With things now taking a serious downturn for Alberta, would it be any wonder if Albertans started asking what exactly the Stelmach-Redford-Prentice PCs have been up to?



Commentary

Alberta already tried to diversify the economy - and failed

MARK MILKE

With the price of oil plunging to below \$50 per barrel and the outlook for Alberta's economy and provincial budget revenues falling in tandem, an oft-heard piece of advice is being recycled: Alberta should diversify its economy.

The advice is well-intentioned. But local economies, like businesses, often make money selling what's nearby. Hawaii peddles vacations with warm weather attached. Alberta (along with Saskatchewan, Newfoundland and Labrador and northern British Columbia) sells oil and gas.

The oil, gas and mining sector is the largest contributor to Alberta's economy at 23 per cent of the province's GDP. That is significant for employment and income. That sector also matters to the provincial budget: resource revenue provides about 24 per cent of the Alberta government's own-source revenue.

In theory, diversification would allow Albertans to be less reliant on resources. However, it is not clear how Alberta could diversify simply by everyone wishing to that end, including via government policy.

For example, consider an Edmonton supplier of oilfield equipment to the oil sands. During a downturn in demand, it is no easy task for that same business to sell chopsticks to China instead of pipes, chemicals and water services to oil fields up a nearby highway.

As for policy, the Alberta government tried to diversify the Alberta economy in a deliberate fashion back in the 1980s and

early 1990s.

Starting under then-Premier Peter Lougheed and also under his successor, Don Getty, the provincial government provided loans, loan guarantees and equity stakes to companies in the non-energy sector.

In one example, the provincial government backed "made in Alberta" banks, trust companies and investment firms. After the early 1980s recession and then a mid-decade collapse in oil prices to \$10.25 a barrel in April 1986, down from \$26 in December 1985) Alberta's real estate values also plummeted. That took down many of those same provincially-guaranteed financial institutions which had themselves heavily invested in real estate.

The price tag to the provincial government for that diversification effort was \$1.8 billion for everything from failed loan guarantees to partially covered consumer and investor deposits.

In another diversification attempt, the province also loaned, guaranteed, and took equity partnerships in everything from a forestry company to a meatpacking plant, a provincial bitumen upgrader, a waste treatment plant and a hi-tech company. By the early 1990s, defaults and foregone capital investments from all of the above cost the province \$2.2 billion—in addition to the \$1.8 billion financial sector collapse.

These efforts didn't help Albertans adjust to a new reality or diversify the economy. It was simply activist industrial policy, where governments pick winners and losers. The latter cropped up more regularly than the former.

Diversification can be useful; high-tech, manufacturing and banking have boomed in Texas for example and thus provide more opportunities for people in that state.

But economic growth and public benefits—increased employment opportunities, for example—result from getting the basics right: low business and personal tax rates, a flexible labour market, and other advantages that attract investment. Alberta, especially after the mid-1990s, has had these advantages in spades relative to other provinces.

That may explain why, even with a 20-year look, Alberta's unemployment rate has been consistently low, particularly when compared with other major provinces.

Between 1994 and 2013, Alberta's average annual unemployment rate has been just 5.4 per cent through bust and boom and bust again—despite the highest interprovincial in-migration of any province in the same period.

In contrast, the more diversified British Columbia economy has suffered an average annual unemployment rate of 7.3 per cent in those two decades, with Ontario's at 7.4 per cent and nine per cent in Quebec.

Diversification might help smooth out government revenues in some years, but it can't guarantee a more robust economy or lower unemployment rate. In reality, diversification may be less critical than most people think.

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Dragons slain by Royals

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The Didsbury High School senior basketball teams were both defeated on Jan. 14 by the visiting Olds Koinonia Christian School Royals in Chinook's Edge South Athletic Association play.

The boys were defeated 70-19 while the girls lost 57-21.

The boys had a tough time penetrating a solid Royal defence, and when they were able to drive to the hoop, on many occasions their shots would not fall. The Dragons were down 15-1 after the first quarter of play. In the second quarter, the Royals continued with solid play at both ends of the floor, opening up a 27-7 lead at the half.

Even though the Dragons put in a good effort throughout the game and continued their offensive push, they couldn't overcome the Royals' defence, which often turned the ball over deep in their own territory, and ran up the floor to convert baskets. In the third quarter, the Royals opened up a 47-15 lead, before closing out the Dragons in the final 10 minutes of the game.

Following the conclusion of the game, Dragons coach Gary Griffiths

said even though the Dragons were over-matched, he saw improvement in the boys games, especially in team play. Despite the fact that the team gave up so many points, the boys played much better on defence than in previous games, he said.

"We were way better on defence ... with the hands up. We're starting to see some more basketball smarts and these guys are starting to work together (better)," he said.

Griffiths said although it's been a struggle for the Dragons so far this season, he thinks the future looks good, as there are only three Grade 12 players on the team. As such, this season is proving some valuable experience for most of the players.

In the girls game, coach Henry Paulgaard said the Royals pressured the ball all over the court, and the Dragons failed to execute their game plan. The Dragons also had trouble passing and receiving the ball.

"It was frustrating on our part, but they played a good game. They were moving the ball around well and we had trouble. We just didn't gel today. We had trouble with basic mechanics," he said.



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Didsbury High School Dragons player Jeff Griffiths goes up for a layup during the Dragons' game against the Olds Koinonia Christian School Royals at Didsbury High School on Jan. 14.

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January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26

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January 28

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January 29 to February 24

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January

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February 3

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Carlson

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Following the victory, Vander Zaag said he followed up on a good play by Bosomworth.

"We were able to get a two-on-one going and it was a good pass across and just at that moment, got the (shot) off and caught the goalie a little bit surprised and it was a good play," he said.

Vander Zaag said the Colts were able to put up a good battle against the Bisons, who are currently second in the south division standings. While Vander Zaag said the Colts had a defensive letdown in the final minute of the first, the Colts regrouped in the second period and played

better defensively.

"We were able to battle back in the second and get some momentum and were able to bury a couple there (in the third)," he said.

Carlson said he thought his teammates played well in front of him, clearing a few rebounds out of harm's way and then responding on offence in the third.

"The team had a great game. It was one of our better games of the year and I was able to make a few saves early on. When I left a few rebounds, the guys were there to clear them for me," he said.

During the previous night's game in Airdrie, the Colts opened the scoring on a goal by Jason Edwards, but fell behind

after one period on goals by Tyler Perkins and Curtis Bunney.

After Dawson Lane evened the score early in the second period, four unanswered goals by the Thunder sealed the Colts' fate.

On Jan. 12 in Red Deer, the Colts outshot the Vipers 36-31 but four Vipers goals in the second period proved decisive.

Brett Marsollier and Justin Corbett scored on the powerplay for the Vipers in the second, while Mathew Thiessen scored five-on-five and Colton Weseen scored into an empty net. Evan Thompson, Vander Zaag, Colton Anderson and Cole Sutherland scored for the Colts in Red Deer.



Noel West/MVP Staff

Mountainview Colts player Ben Strautman fights for possession of the puck during the Colts' game against the Okotoks Bisons at the Didsbury Memorial Arena on Jan. 17. The Colts won the game 2 to 1.

DIDSBURY MINOR HOCKEY PLAYER SPOTLIGHTS

NOVICE: Jaxson Hosegood

Age: 7



Jaxson started skating at 18 months old. He likes hockey and the colour red. His favourite hockey teams are the Calgary Flames and the Olds Grizzlys.

NOVICE: Laila Watson

Age: 7



Laila's favourite food is brownies. She likes the color pink and the song *If I Die Young*. Her favourite movie is *The Little Rascals*.

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ATOM: Gabe Pankrat

Age: 10



Gabe likes to snowboard & golf. He has an older sister. His favourite food is perogies and he like the movie *The Hunger Games*. His favourite NHL player is Shey Weber.

ATOM: Taedon Milburn

Age: 9



Taedon likes to travel, play games and hang out with his friends. His favourite NHL player is Lanny McDonald and his favourite movie is *The Mighty Ducks 2*.

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Rowe defends his recent decision

BY DOUG COLLIE
MVP Staff

Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills former Wildrose party MLA and now Progressive Conservative MLA Bruce Rowe says he doesn't have time to delve into why he crossed the floor because it's too complicated and would take too long to explain.

He made that statement to those attending the riding's Progressive Conservative association annual general meeting in Olds on January 17.

He said the same thing to reporters, saying it would take "an hour" to provide that explanation.

Rowe hasn't been seen by many constituents since he crossed the floor of the legislature before Christmas.

He did not say if he will run for the PC nomination but said he's considering

the idea.

A specific date for the PC nomination was not set. A committee was struck to determine that date.

However, Olds-Didsbury-Three-Hills PC Constituency Association president William Stevenson said the party wants all candidates nominated by late April.

Constituency officials said it's not clear if an election will be held this spring or next year, when it's officially slated to be held, but they're making sure they're ready.

Reporters asked Rowe why he crossed the floor to sit with the governing PCs.

"Well, as I said at the beginning of our meeting here, this isn't something you can explain to people in five minutes or 10 minutes or whatever," Rowe said. "There's a whole lit-

any of things that contributed to the decision that the majority of us made, and we made that for the right (reasons).

"I think this is the premier to lead us back to true conservative values and government and the Wildrose was in a state at that time that they were very disorganized. We weren't even sure that what would be left would be the official Opposition.

"So it was a number of contributing factors: mostly one-on-one conversations with the premier that reassured me he can take this government back to true conservative values and I believe he can do that, if given the chance."

"It's not a simple matter. It wasn't done on the spur of the moment, that's for certain. It took weeks to put this together," Rowe said, although he denied reports that negotiations on the floor crossing began as far back as May.

"I don't believe that was the case at all," he said. "The first I knew about it was the day after the session ended in December. That was the first (time) it was even hinted at."

When asked if he will run for the PC nomination, Rowe said, "I haven't made that decision yet. If he (Premier Jim Prentice) calls a spring election, it'll be a tough choice to make."

"I just have to talk it over with my wife a lot and make sure this is what we want to do. So I'll make that announcement in due time," Rowe said.

Rowe was asked if he believes that as a former Wildrose member, he'll be accepted into the Progressive Conservative party in this area.

"Well, I guess that remains to be seen, doesn't it," Rowe said. "I'll just have to prove myself in the time that I'm sitting over there and getting things done."

"You know, it's a shame to have to say this, but it's amazing to me the doors that are open since I crossed the floor. I get into ministers' office(s) and get things done. It's just - it's amazing. It's really not the way it should be, but it is the way it is."

Rowe was asked how he believes constituents have reacted to the floor crossing of former Wildrose party members, not only Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, but also Innisfail-Sylvan Lake (MLA Kerry Towle joined the Tories) and Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre (MLA Joe Anglin crossed the floor to sit as an Independent member).

"Well, I think everybody's shocked, there's no question. It was a very - we had a very difficult time of it," Rowe said.

"But some of the emails and phone calls were just rude and I don't even respond to those. People ask for a meeting with me, I'll sit down and have a meeting with them."

"I haven't had one of those people that I've sat down and talked to that's walked out of the office with the same opinion as (when) they came in. They understand when they get the whole story," he said.

"I wasn't looking for a job when I took this to start with. I was retired; I retired in 2005. So I just want to contribute what I can, where I can and get the things done that need to be done and then move out of the way and let someone else do it."

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100. **Obituaries** 100. **Obituaries****Sarah Elizabeth Rowell**
November 27, 1914-January 9, 2015

Sarah 'Sally' Elizabeth Rowell (nee Landeen) passed away peacefully at Olds Continuing Care on January 9, 2015. She was the first daughter born to Erick and Ethel Landeen, on November 27, 1914 in Bassano, Alberta. She was raised in the Mizpah School District, west of Sunnynook, Alberta, until the family moved to the Melvin School District west of Didsbury in 1926. On her birthday in 1940, she married E.K. Rowell, and helped him farm and raise Hereford cattle west of Olds. Sally was a member of the Glamis Women's Institute, until it closed. Before there were school buses, she drove her sons to school at Westerdale School by car. She also contributed written pieces to local history books including "The Roads to Rose Lynn", "Echo's From This, Our Land" and "A Trail Grows Dimmer". Sarah was predeceased by her parents in 1962; husband 'Kemp' Rowell in 1989; daughter Mary E. Leach in 2010; and her brothers Eric, Douglas, and John and her sister Beatrice Weidner. In the Rowell family, she was predeceased by Violet; Nina; Leonard; Homer; and Kitchner Rowell; Lulu (Charles) Howlett; and Vimy (James) Currie. She was also predeceased by her brother in law W.G. (Bill) Weidner; and sisters in law Ardis; Jenny and Jennifer. She is survived by her sons; Edward and Wesley Rowell; her son in law Howard Leach; grandchildren Jason and Sarah Leach; and Howard's mother L. Mary Leach. She is also survived by her sister Ethel Bowerman (Jack); and sisters in law Eva and Katherine and numerous nieces and nephews and their families. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to Olds Hospital Continuing Care or to the Olds United Church. Funeral services were held Saturday January 17, 2015 at the Olds United Church with Rev. Tammy Allan officiating. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610. www.heartlandfuneralservices.com

110. **In Memoriam** 110. **In Memoriam**

In Loving Memory of My Wife and our Mom, Grandma
Who passed away January 21, 2013

The Day You Went Away

They say times a healer
But As the time goes on,
We seem to find it's just as hard
To face the fact you're gone.

And today is the 2nd Anniversary
Of the day you went away,
And we're standing here at your graveside
And believe us when we say.

You'll never be forgotten
And every year we'll shed a tear,
But it's only because WE LOVE YOU
And wish you were still here.

Forever missed, loved and remembered,
Jack, Steve & Vicky and Family, Tom & Dawn and
Families, Mike & Joanne and Families, Shirley & Bill
and Families, Joanna and Families.

100. **Obituaries** 100. **Obituaries****Verna Mae Berger (nee: Devolin)**
October 22, 1926 – January 8, 2015

Mrs. Verna Berger of Nanton, Alberta passed away on January 8, 2015 at the Vulcan Extendicare at the age of 88 years. Verna is survived by her children Gwen (Doug) Rucker, Peggy Macneil, Carol Berger, Thomas (Loretta) Berger, Lisa (Jake) Hawkes; grandchildren Sarah, Marie-Jeanne, Richard, Leah, Kayla, John Ross, Michael and Ella. Verna was predeceased by her husband Jake Berger; sister Norma Granum. Verna loved to spend time with her grand kids. She loved to travel with Jake to South Carolina, Hawaii, Oregon Coast and Europe. She enjoyed golfing, skiing and meeting both friends and family. Her sense of humour and positive look on life will be missed by all. A Celebration of Verna's Life was held on Tuesday, January 13th at 1:00 p.m. at the Nanton / Parkland United Church. If desired memorial donations may be made to the Nanton Golf Course (Box 972, Nanton, T0L 1R0). Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (403.652.4242).

100. **Announcements** 100. **Announcements****Thank You**

On behalf of the Christensen and McKenzie families we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your thoughts and prayers over the past few weeks since Ryan's tragic passing. We would like to say Thank-you to everyone who has helped out in anyway to support our families during this time.

Respecting Ryan's wishes there will not be a funeral. An educational trust fund has been established at Alberta Treasury Branches for Ryan and Shyla's two children. Deposit information required at any ATB is Branch 833 and Account Number 00376167300. In lieu of flowers, donations can also be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association in memory of Ryan.

Thanks Again

Vaughn & Carol Christensen & Family
&
Shyla McKenzie & Family

100. **Thank You** 100. **Thank You****Thank You!**

To the Didsbury Elks, our friends
and families for the wonderful
surprise party on New Year's Eve.

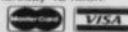
A special thanks to those who
planned this and to everyone who
supported it. Your consideration,
thoughtfulness and generosity is
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